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THE J. E. JONES LETTER

Purely Political

The republican national organization has but a single thought—and that is the renomination of President Harding. Vice President Coolidge arouses about as much enthusiasm as sudden showers during a lawn fête. But President Harding is healthy, and so why worry about a Vice President when the Republican party is being prepared to stand before the country on its record.

The Democratic national organization has several thoughts—but they are the kind of thoughts that fail to coordinate when nominations are discussed. There are several worthy gentlemen in the Democratic national organization who unobtrusively admit paramount leadership. Messrs. McAdoo, Cox, Underwood & Co., all quailed when the Ford boom boomed its loudest before the doors of their party citadel. William Randolph Hearst uttered "music to their ears" when he launched Mr. Ford into the arena of presidential probabilities as an "Independent." Mr. Hearst is reported to have eleven million readers, besides those who buy his papers on account of the funny pages. Frank Munsey owns a big share of the New York newspapers, and he gave left-handed support to the "Independent party" suggestion and hastened to substitute for Mr. Ford a couple of "progressives," either of whom would be eminently satisfactory to the so-called Wall Street interests.

Meanwhile Senators LaFollette and Borah seem to be running away with the anti-administration factions in the Republican party. It is interesting to note that neither of these trained politicians are in sympathy with the move for an "Independent party." They are not apt to be disputed in the claim they are making that the part of the Republican party that they represent is independent enough for anybody.

The strength of the "organizations" in both the old parties seems about to be put to the test. President Harding has been tightening up on the Republican national organization, and when the Republican National Committee started running "wild" in opposing the World Court they heard from the White House in such unmistakable terms that the offense is not likely to be repeated. It was another case of finding out "who's boss around here."

It is usual for the whole country to become somewhat agitated about presidential elections long in advance. It is just as usual for the wise party managers to watch the game from the Washington grand stand, and the allies about the political diamond. In this way the "leaders" do their leading. And when they find they are not "leaders," there is the welcome alternative of riding on the bandwagon.

Defying the Railroad Board
The Railroad Labor Board was set up by Congress to enforce justice between railroad employers and employees, and to protect the rights of the public in the transportation matters of the country. Evidently the "public" likes the idea, but in the railroad world itself there seems to be a lot of belligerence, and the Board has had a very hard time in getting its views accepted. Washington and Arcadia are so far apart that Washington could not be induced to put itself on record in favor of demanding obedience from either capital or labor. As a result the very good intent of the labor legislation works very badly. Time and again the employers and the employees have flatly refused to obey the decisions of the Board. The latest instance of this kind is the refusal of the Pennsylvania Rail-

GOULD'S WINS JUNIOR MEET AT BATES COLLEGE

Gould's brought home a victory last Saturday when its six-man track team returned a winner in class B events at the Bates Intercollegiate Track Meet. Two cups were awarded, one to the winner of Class A and the other, which Gould's brought home, to the winner in Class B (schools having a registration of less than two hundred and fifty.)

Berry set a new record for the 12 pound shot in Class A but was forced to take second honors when Farrington of Cony High bettered his mark by a few inches. These three points gained by Berry gave Gould's seventh place among the senior schools in addition to the first place which they finally captured in the junior division.

In the junior shot put Berry established a new record and won handsily. The 75 yard dash was won by Morse with Bartlett placing third. Bartlett took another third in the 220 yard dash. Swan finished second in the half mile. In the only remaining junior event, the broad jump, we failed to place a man. Our point winners in Class B events were: Berry 5, Morse 3, Swan 3, Bartlett 2, total 15, nearest competitors, Westbrook 14, Kennebunk 10, Lincoln Academy 6, Dixfield 1, and seven other schools which failed to score. Summary of Class A: Portland 31, Cony 21.5, Gardiner 18, Hebron 8, E. L. H. 8, G. S. M. C. I. 4.5, Gould's Academy 3, Stevens High 2.5, Deering 1, Morse 1, Westbrook .5.

Results of Class B events were as follows:

75 yard dash—Finals
Won by Morse, Gould's; Hammond, Kennebunk; third, Bartlett, Gould's. Time 8 3-5 sec.

220 yard dash—Finals
Won by Higgins, Westbrook; second, Hammond, Kennebunk; third, Bartlett, Gould's. Time 23 2-5 sec.

8 pound shot put
Won by Berry, Gould's; second, Keefe, Westbrook; third, Townsend, Westbrook. Distance, 46.1 ft. (New record.)

Broad Jump
Won by Higgins, Westbrook; second, Hammond, Kennebunk; third, Gordon, Dixfield. Distance 18.2 ft.

880 yard run
Won by Burns, Lincoln; second, Swan, Gould's; third, Russell, Kennebunk. Time 2:16 2-5 sec.

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PIANO RECITAL BY PUPILS OF MRS. NELLIE BRICKETT

A large audience spent a delightful evening, Friday, June 1, at the Wm. Bingham Gymnasium listening to a program of classical music rendered by the pupils of Gould's Academy who have studied music with Mrs. Brickett. Each number was played with taste and skill which showed the careful training of the teacher and the faithful work of the pupils.

Polonaise Militaire, Chopin
Ruth Hastings, Fieldhouse

Tript Lightly, Gertrude Abbott, Watnach

Rocky Brooklet, Pearl Samson, Watnach

Strains from the Rocky Mountains, Florence Coburn, Fieldhouse

Carlew Bells, Genia Saunders, Vanderbeek

Edelweiss Glide Waltz, Taylor Clough, Kern

Sweet Cloister Bells, Ethel Capen, Adamson

Flying Spray, Evelyn Brink, Bonner

Sweet Memories, Elsie Flint, Fieldhouse

Maiden's Prayer, Arr. by Fieldhouse, Alfreda Wheeler, Fieldhouse

Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Rachmaninoff, Lebach

Mrs. Brickett, Celestine Flint, Lebach

La Sonnambula, Elizabeth Emery, Demangato

At the Sea Shore, Frene Abbott, Bohn

Glissando Mazurka, Garard Eames, Bohn

Salut a Pesh, Kowalski, Bohn

Grace Van Den Kerkhofen, Kowalski, Bohn

Mazurka de Concert, Faye Sanborn, Leblanc

Caprice Bohemian, Dorothy Hanscom, Ruff

Polka de la Reine, Celestine Flint, Spindler

Charge of the Hussars, Eunice Smith, Dorothy Goodnow

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GRANGE NEWS

BETHEL GRANGE

The members of Bethel Grange, No. 56, met at their hall Thursday evening, May 31. The sisters served supper at 8 P. M. All officers present at roll call except Assistant Steward and Treasurer. Brother Mason acted as Assistant Steward pro tem. Sister Lyon reported over \$30 as proceeds of last two dances and it was turned over to the Worthy Secretary. Sister Vashaw was appointed as chairman of the dinner committee for Pomona Grange day, Tuesday, June 26. She is to choose her own assistants, the three Graces, Sisters Haggood, Lyon and Chapman to act as consulting committee. The first and second degrees were conferred on a class of candidates. Worthy Lecturer Helen Berry presented the Memorial service program as follows:

Selection, "Nearer, My God, To Thee," Quartette consisting of Sisters LaRue and Haggood, Brothers Wight and Kimball

Scripture, 23rd Psalm, Worthy Chaplain

Prayer, concluding with Lord's prayer by all

Musical response, Reading, "Love Triumphant," Sister Copeland

Selection, "Abide With Me," Quartette Memorial address, W. M. Geo. Haggood

Roll call of deceased members, Brothers Upton and Little, Sisters Chapin and Bartlett, followed by decoration of altar by four sisters in honor of these departed members

Solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," Sister LaRue

Reading, "Crossing the Bar," Sister Haggood

Hymn, "Father, We'll Rest In Thy Arms," Sister Haggood

Benediction
The next regular meeting will be held Thursday evening, June 21. The sisters will serve supper at 6:30 P. M. Those not solicited please bring pastry.

COMMITTEE MEETING
The committee of the surrounding Granges met with the Bethel committee at the Grange Hall, Monday evening, June 4, at 8 o'clock.

F. E. Russell, chairman of the Bethel committee, called the meeting to order. The following Granges were represented:

Mountain View—Gilford
Pleasant Valley—West Bethel
Alder River—East Bethel
Bear River—Newry

Upton—Upton
Franklin—Bryant's Pond
Round Mountain—Albany

North Waterford—North Waterford
It was voted to use pulp dishes and C. F. Saunders of Bear River Grange was appointed as a committee of one to purchase them. Harry Head of Pleasant Valley Grange was appointed as a committee of one to make the coffee for supper. Supper to consist of strawberries, salads, bread, hot rolls, cakes, cookies and hot coffee. Each Grange to bring food enough to serve forty people.

Adrian Grover was appointed as a committee of one to procure strawberries. Voted that each Grange furnish boxes of strawberries.

F. E. Russell was appointed as a committee of one to order forty dozen rolls of L. W. Morse.

The Granges are to work in groups of three and two to serve supper. They are to serve in the following order: Mountain View, Gilford; Pleasant Valley, West Bethel; Alder River, East Bethel; 3; Upton; 4; North Waterford; 5; Round Mountain, Albany; 6; Bear River, Newry; 7; Franklin, Bryant's Pond; 8. Supper is to be served at 6:30 P. M.

The twenty-two subordinate Granges in Oxford County jurisdiction to share equally in purchasing the ice cream to be served at the evening session.

Pleasant Valley Grange of West Bethel is to furnish silver to help set the tables.

Oleum Hall has been hired for the Pomona meeting for the day session, and also for the special session to be held in the evening.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE
Bear River met in regular session, Saturday evening, June 2, at 8 o'clock, with Master Fred Wight in the chair. Opened in form. Minutes of last meeting read.

Under new business, committee was appointed for dance, Bro. Holt and Sister Nellie Holt. Grange also voted to install lighting system. Committee to look after same, T. L. French, L. R. Wight, J. L. Farren.

At the close of the business session a Memorial Service was held as follows:

TRUCK COLLIDES WITH TRAIN

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A truck driven by N. Newbegin of Lewiston and owned by the Orono Ice Cream Co. was struck by the 10:20 train Saturday forenoon at Richardson's crossing a short distance above Bethel village.

Newbegin escaped with nothing more serious than a few body bruises. The body of the truck was smashed to kindling wood, the chassis badly damaged and a large quantity of ice cream completely ruined.

The driver of the truck claimed to have failed to hear the engine whistle, although the engineer maintained that the whistle was blown for the crossing. The truck which was a new one was making its maiden trip to Berlin and was loaded with ice cream. It was driven to Lewiston on its own power, despite the damage.

MEMORIAL DAY AT BETHEL
Memorial Day was observed in Bethel as per the program as printed in last week's issue of the Citizen. Graves were decorated in the different cemeteries in the town by members of the Sons of Veterans and American Legion.

In the afternoon exercises were held at the monument after which the line was formed and proceeded to Odeon Hall where Donald B. Partridge gave a very interesting talk.

A solo, "The Americans Come," rendered by Mrs. I. H. Wight was very pleasing, and the male quartette was also much enjoyed.

Many thanks are due the people for the use of their automobiles, and also to the fife and drum corps of Berlin.

PAULUS E. LOWE
The death of Paulus E. Lowe occurred at the St. Louis Hospital at Berlin, N. H., on Saturday, May 26. He was born in Dalbousie, N. S., 76 years ago, where he lived until about 31 years ago, when he came to make his home in Bethel.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louisa Venot Lowe, two daughters, Mrs. Ada M. Mills, and Mrs. Margaret E. Lowell, four brothers, three sisters, four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were held at his home on Robinson Hill, Tuesday, conducted by Mr. S. S. Greenleaf, Rev. C. B. Oliver speaking words of comfort to the bereaved family.

Interment was in the family lot in Riverside cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and help extended to us during our recent bereavement; also Mr. Greenleaf and Rev. C. B. Oliver.

Mrs. Louisa Lowe,
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mills,
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lowell and family,
Miss Louisa Wilson Lowe.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ramsell and family were in Norway recently to attend a reunion of the family of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holt. A carefully planned surprise was given Mrs. Holt in honor of her birthday, June 3. Many useful gifts were presented, and at noon a picnic lunch was served to the following relatives: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bartlett and sons, Jonathan, Sidney, Francis and Fred, Jr., and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Shipley Smith, Andover; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holt and daughter, Elizabeth, Waterford; Mr. Lee Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ray and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Crocker, Mrs. Josephine Bickford, Miss Fay Bickford, Mrs. Annie Holt and family of all of Norway.

Miss Virginia Goodnow was very happy when her schoolmates in the 8th grade of the grammar school remembered her with a beautiful Maybasket well filled.

Mr. H. S. Jodrey was called to Bucksport, Maine, last week to attend the funeral of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Cunningham. Besides her husband she leaves a son and a daughter. Bethel friends extend much sympathy.

Mrs. A. E. Herrick and daughter, Margaret, returned to Bethel, Friday. Mrs. Herrick returned but Miss Herrick remained to visit her sister, Mrs. Lindsay Blanchard. Mr. Herman Robertson acted as chauffeur.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Silver and son, Harold and daughter Elizabeth, from Harve de Grace, Md., who were at Bethel last several days, left Monday to visit the White Mountains. While here they visited Remond Falls and Silver Lake accompanied by F. J. Tyler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Holt of Andover, Mass., came to Bethel, Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. J. U. Parlington who has spent the winter with her daughter but will remain in her Bethel home for the summer months. Miss Belle Parlington will soon return from Manchester-by-the-Sea, to spend the summer in their home here.

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BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mr. Ralph Berry was in Portland, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt returned home Sunday morning.

Miss Nellie Jodrey has completed her duties at Maple Inn.

Mr. Fred Hall was a business visitor in Lewiston, recently.

Mr. May of Portland was a guest of Leroy Andrews, Sunday.

Mrs. Kelley of Bryant's Pond visited at I. L. Carver's, Sunday.

Miss Angie Chapman of Portland was in town on a visit recently.

Mrs. Arthur Richardson has returned home from Portsmouth, N. H.

Mrs. Octavia Bean is spending a few days with Mrs. Edmund Merrill.

Mr. W. J. Douglas of Boston is spending a few days at his home here.

Misses Doris and Dorothy Goodnow were in Berlin, N. H., recently.

Mr. Richard Russell is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Russell.

Mr. W. O. Holt of East Bethel called on his cousin, Mrs. George Haggood, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Smith of Portland were guests of friends in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Douglass and Mrs. Edie Hall were in Norway last Friday.

Miss Hazel Douglass of Portland was the guest of relatives in town over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson entertained relatives from Massachusetts, recently.

Mr. Eli Grover of "Jasqua" was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Haggood, recently.

Mrs. Beaula Blaine was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Haggood, and family, Memorial Day.

Mrs. Harry Sawin was the guest of her sister, Miss Estella Bean, of Albany over the week end.

Master Richard Holt returned to Bethel, Sunday, after spending a few days with relatives in Norway.

Mrs. Harry Inman and son, Walter, Mrs. A. M. Morrill and daughter, Roseanne, inspired to Cold River, Memorial Day.

Mr. Thomas Brown and family and Mr. Arnold Brown and family enjoyed an auto trip through Errol and Berlin, Sunday.

Mr. S. S. Greenleaf and family will occupy the rent formerly occupied by Mr. Nahum Moore in the L. A. Hall house on Broad Street.

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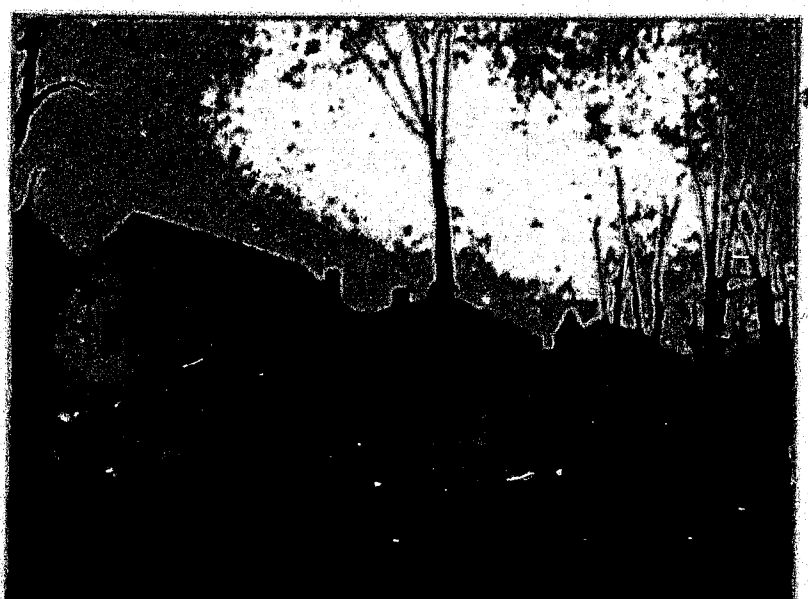
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THE METHODIST PARSONAGE
Bethel, Maine

The Methodist parsonage on Main street in Bethel, Rev. Chas. Street has recently been sold to G. N. Ter H. Oliver being the last minister. This property has been the home of each Methodist minister and plan to erect a new bungalow type family apartment by the Maine Co. building immediately.



RUMPOI

The marriage of Jose Mary J. LaFleur took place Wednesday at St. John Fr. Harvey officiating were Louis Langlais a seau.

At a meeting of the Redpath Chautauque Association last night at the Central Court Room on Saginaw it was announced that the season will begin on Aug. 28th Mrs. Winnifred B. Cook, of Detroit, addressed the group and outlined the program. Mr. Cook said the circuit "edman Niagara Falls to complete cities and towns by September it closes at Lacanets for the course are 4 gram for the six days is a high order, and is, eertain the grand opera, English, a light opera side many interesting other features well worth to enjoy and for instrum.

Mrs. James M. Macd R. L. Melcher are enj Mrs. C. M. Bisbee at on the shores of Hangee Mrs. F. O. Walker is time at the Walker cam.

The piazzas of the Waldo Street are being they will slant slightly building.

Mrs. D. F. Hanson is satisfactory gain from a operation performed at Hospital with Miss Clanton serving as nurse.

Books recently placed Public Library are: Bet Olive Burnet Hale; Ma Home by Clarence I. Ju Fairy Book by Andrew Little Time by Laura Little Stars in an Isl Lillian E. Ray; Jessica by Hester Stretton; Bun his Sister Sue Playing C Lee Houpe. Six of the a perished by Elizabeth M daughter of Mr. and Mrs of Franklin Street.

Brylford Bisbee Mac old son of Mr. and Mrs. Intire of Aberdeen, grandson of Mrs. C. S. town, recently went to part in the annual field pits of the schools of Ha He brought home a bron ing been the winner i dash for boys of his clie the dash in six seconds.

Miss Kathleen Morse Mr. and Mrs. Walter M in Street has returned summer from New York, been attending school.

This junior reception t of the senior class of School will be held on ning, June 12, in M Dancing will be a featu ning's entertainment.

The two months old c Mr. and Mrs. Emile P Street, died on Sunday b ing male on Monday n cemetery.

The baccalaureate serf ford High School was al Hall on Sunday of High School orchestra p professional as the g members were being u places in the front secter by the class marshal, roll of the class of 1924, the class all dressed in gi of thirty white organdi gathered, followed by the class. Pres. Clarence Litt servate of Moyn delivered which was much enjoyed those just starting out themselves a great deal u and by which to profit.

Wednesday gave a very g solo, Miss Lauretta Ellis piano, and a male quartet of Chester Taylor, Lewisford Andrews and Jack Alwood accompaniment Harv. All the Universalist church mce and pronounced the ben.

Regrets are being made bridge, which is subject to traffic. Now dancing planned but health other necessary to be done.

Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding Portland and Dr. and Me born of the Iowa leave t a trip abroad.

Mrs. A. J. Reed of Lit is receiving the sympathy friends upon the death o whose death recently occu ally Mass., his late home.

Mrs. Thomas Hart and children are to join Mr. France, Mass., as soon able to secure fitting ar Hart has been working since early spring.

The Class Day exercises ion class of Mumford Hig take place on Wednesday June 12, at Municipal Hall following evening the grid rices will be held at the The death of James Red last week at the Mc

Mr. Walter Inman was home from Lewistown, Maryland.

Mr. T. B. Buck is recovering from an attack of the grippe.

Mr. H. B. Stoddard of Harford was in town on Monday, Friday.

Mr. B. C. Conroy has been spending a few days at his home in town.

Mrs. Herbert Burns and daughter of Lewistown are in town for convenience next.

Mrs. Madeline Burns of Harford was a week and guest of relatives and friends in town.

Mrs. Alfreda Holt visited her son, Mr. Fred Holt, and family at South Park, recently.

The United Church Congregational conference was held at Harford Point, June 14.

Mr. W. W. Harwege is to Harford for a few days, and is a guest of the Harford Square Hotel.

The Northbrook ship of France and Campbell's which was recently damaged by fire is undergoing repairs.

Wm. C. L. Northham of Camden and Maurice Wilbur of Harford were in town on Monday, Thursday.

A large number from here attended the spring dance at the new pavilion at Lake's Mill, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Farwell recently escaped serious injury Friday evening at Lake's Mill when their auto was struck by another car while being backing at a high rate of speed. Mr. and Mrs. Farwell were not injured, but their car was badly damaged, one wheel being crushed and a second good wheel tipped off. The car which struck them slid off step to investigate whether anyone was injured or not, and on examination got their number. It is thought that the car was from Harford.

Mr. W. H. Thurston was a business visitor in Berlin and Errol, N. H., Friday.

Mr. Charles Cross and daughter, Bertha, were in Colbrook, N. H., over the week end.

Mrs. Grace Swan visited her sister, Mrs. F. D. Bartlett, in Berlin, N. H., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lapham and daughter, Esther, visited relatives in Randolph, Saturday.

Miss Ruth Back of Athburnham, Mass., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Back.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryant, Mr. Myron Bryant and Miss Lillie Goodridge spent the holiday at Nearz Lake.

Mrs. F. S. Hastings and daughter, Ethel, returned to Berlin, Monday, to spend the winter at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thurston of Errol, N. H., are expecting over the birth of a son, June 4, at Mrs. Abbott's Hospital.

Miss Dorcas Baker and Master Ernest Westcott spent the week end in Berlin at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. T. Whaley.

Mr. Winfield Wight and friend, Mr. Stanley, of Thompson, Conn., were to spend Thursday, guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ding and children from West Paris were guests Monday day of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randall.

Mr. John Wheeler, who is employed on the Merrill, Springer Co. mill, had the satisfaction to cut off a finger Friday while at his work.

The regular meeting of the O. E. S. will be held June 6th. Important business is to be taken up. It is hoped there will be a good attendance.

Mr. Hastings and family, who have

ence in trying to sell its merchant marine. All the bidders picked the "dream" of the ship, and bid on them separately. The Board has long been attempting to close out the odds and ends when negotiating its sales. Evidently private capital regards a good deal of the war-built craft as liabilities rather than assets—and refuses to even bid for it. Meanwhile the Shipping Board waffles between deciding whether to operate its own fleets or continue to arrange bargain counter sales.

The Poor Care of Heroes

Justice Walter L. McCoy says that the public indifference to the treatment that has been afforded our wounded and suffering veterans of the war is to be condemned. Speaking before a representative audience in the National Capital he declared that Congress had voted sufficient money for the care of the men, but that the appropriations "have not been wisely spent." He referred to the "political appointments" of those who had been named to provide care of so-called world war veterans "for whom the war will never end."

"Political Prisoners"

The agitation for the release of "political prisoners" continues to reach the Federal government. A great many people seem to argue in terms of contempt for "patriot bohemians," "radicalists," "pacifists," or anyone whom they dislike. In this frame of mind they seem to forget that practically every political prisoner stands on a different basis from that of his fellow-unfortunates. The officials of the Department of Justice point out that there is as great a difference among "political prisoners," as there is among burglars, and that while some of each group should be let out of jail that most of them are properly housed. The President does not seem to yield to pressure for the wholesale release of this class of inmates of the prisons.

Flag Etiquette

It took more than a world war to teach Washington just how the American flag should be displayed during a massive throng gathering, and one of the last features of excitement in connection with preparing for the big national celebration was the editing of

Many Hogs Arrive at Stockyards Dead or Crippled.

Waste is Wholly Unnecessary and Greatly Reduces Amount of Marketable Pork and Decreases Profits of Farmers.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Figures recently compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture show that during the period of six months in 1922 there were received at nine of the principal stockyards of the country a total of 23,375 dead hogs and 35,705 hogs in a more or less crippled condition. These figures indicate a waste that is wholly unnecessary and that greatly reduces the amount of marketable pork and decreases the profit of the farmers making the shipments.

The department points out that nearly all of this waste may be attributed to improper handling of the hogs just prior to shipment. Quite often hogs about to be shipped are rushed to a small inclosure, penned up in a crowded way, and fed a heavy ration preparatory to being hauled or driven to the stock car. In getting them to the loading point, frequently, the animals are prodded, kicked, and hurried until worried into a highly nervous condition.

When ready for market, hogs should be assembled long enough before the date of shipment to allow them to become rested. They should not be crowded into small pens or houses, nor fed heavy rations. If they are driven to the loading point, they should not be rushed on the way; if they are hauled, too many hogs should not be crowded into the truck or wagon. The loading chutes should not be too steep, should be made secure and have the sides protected so the animals will not fall off. Crowding too many hogs in a car, particularly in hot weather, is likely to result in a number of them dying in transit. Loading hogs after a heavy feed is injurious. A little hunger is far better for them on the journey than indigestion. There is nothing to be gained in added weight of the animals by forced feeding just before shipping. The aim should be to select as many of the hogs as possible in the stockyards in good condition.

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Wrong Night at the Start.
The man who thinks he is always right is wrong to start with.—Boston Evening Transcript.

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Shoppers after gifts for the Girl Graduate will find here gifts that will please both the giver and recipient. What more suitable can be given than wearing apparel?

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SOFT TWEED COATS, finished edges, \$1.00, \$1.50.
CLOTH DRESS-CHURUS, white and pink, \$1.00, \$1.50.
HANDMADE UNDERWEAR, Hosiery, Vests and Belts.
SOFT TWEED, white and colors, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$2.95.
HANDMADE HOSIERY, Imported Swiss with lace edge and hand embroidery, etc.
SILK AND HANDMADE HOSIERY, silk for \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75. Handmade Flannel Waists, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75.

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proper ways. A survey was finally made of the city, and flagsticks were properly enforced, without casualties.

Deaths 11 Again

Attorney General Daugherty again voices the soft suggestion that he will resign from the Cabinet. Daugherty never did like to please the crowd.

EAST BETHEL

Miss P. B. Howe visited relatives at North Para the first of the week.

Mr. H. C. Clark of Ashmun was last week's guest at C. M. Runkle's.

Miss Ruth Cole was a Memorial Day card at H. Hastings.

Mr. Edwin Farrar has moved to E. A. Smith's half farm which he has hired.

Mr. and Mrs. Foyce Ruth of Lansing were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hill.

Miss Ella Dean has returned home from Boston for her vacation.

Memorial day was observed here with a following program:

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The guests were warmly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ryan were: Mrs. and Ellen Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Richard of Durham, N. H.
 Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Frost and daughter, Miss Maryanna Frost, of Bangfield, were also present. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frost of London, Me., and Mrs. F. P. Allen, Robert and Marjorie Allen and Madeline Allen of South Portland were Sunday guests entertained at F. Mitchell's.
 Mr. A. M. Ryan in spending this week in a fishing excursion with Mr. Ryan, and guests of Fryburg at Bangfield, Me.

**Be Grown in Between—Solt
Mulch is Essential.**

"Trees require cultivation just the same as any farm crop," says D. C. Mosser, horticulturist with the extension division of the Oklahoma A. and M. college. "Uncultivated row crops, such as potatoes, may be grown in between the rows of the trees while young. As the trees enlarge in size these row crops should be grown until the entire space is left to the trees. A soil mulch established with whatever practical tool available, should be maintained about the young trees from early summer until the last of July during the average season. During a dry year continue your cultivation until August."

Dana for Some Years—Labor In Repairs Wasted.

Very little real stone building has been done in a number of years, but lot of labor has been put on old houses in trying to make them do service a little longer. Much of this labor has been practically wasted. No wonder a fence that has outlived its usefulness, applied in one place, then breaks down in another, and before the break-up is discovered, heavy damage has been done to a new crop in the field.

Quantity of Yield to Greatly Influenced by Quality of Seed—
Let Hoge Harvest.

When it comes to the most important crop in the farming states, corn to average and to grow. The quantity of yield is greatly influenced by the quality of the seed planted. A general way to determine the best of harvesting the crop, it is to wait to time to let the seeds do the harvesting of "standing" to remove them from the field the field.

It is essential to purchase
is System.

From the hard to beat as a back for
feeding ration. The only form of
and it will be necessary to buy in
supplied own is protein, and farmers
a fast feeding and that they can pro-
are south more of this at home than
they once thought they could.

Plant Soy Beans in Corn
Plant soy beans in corn this
year. Grow more of the protein feed-
ing will help you cut down on your
waste and all feed cost.

Are at Horse Crop.
Are has been used successfully as a
horse crop for alfalfa, but having
seed and sale are more numerous
and

RUMFORD

The marriage of Joseph Langlais and Mary J. LaFleur took place last week Wednesday at St. John's church, Rev. Fr. Harvey officiating. The attendants were Louis Langlais and Joseph Roseau.

At a meeting of the guarantors of the Redpath Chautauque in the Municipal Court Room on Saturday evening, it was announced that the Chautauque will begin on Aug. 28th to Sept. 2nd. Mrs. Winnifred B. Cook, field representative, addressed the gathering, and outlined the program. Mrs. Cook stated that the circuit commences June 14 at Niagara Falls to complete a list of 70 cities and towns by Sept. 8, at which time it closes at Laconia, N. H. Tickets for the course are \$2.25. The program for the six days is varied and of a high order, and is expected to contain the grand opera, "Faust," in English, a light opera and drama, besides many interesting lectures, and other features well worth one's time to enjoy and for instruction.

Mrs. James M. MacGregor and Mrs. R. L. Meleher are enjoying life with Mrs. C. M. Blaboe at the Blaboe camp on the shores of Rangeley Lake.

Mrs. F. O. Walker is spending some time at the Walker camp at Oquossoc. The piazzas of the Nile block on Waldo Street are being rebuilt so that they will slant slightly away from the building.

Mrs. B. F. Hanson is making a satisfactory gain from a recent surgical operation performed at the McCarty Hospital with Miss Clara Barrows of Canton serving as nurse.

Books recently placed in the Rumford Public Library are: Betty Orphans by Olive Burnett Hale; Mary Jones' City Home by Clarence I. Judd; Green Fairy Book by Andrew Lang; A Happy Little Time by Laura Richards; Five Little Stars in an Island Cabin by Lillian E. Ray; Jessica's First Prayer by Hester Stretton; Bunny Brown and his Sister Sue Playing Circus by Laura Lee Hooper. Six of the above were prescribed by Elizabeth McCoy, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McCoy, of Franklin Street.

Bradford Blaboe MacIntire, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Gould MacIntire of Aberdeen, Maryland, and grandson of Mrs. C. S. Osgood of this town, recently went to Bel Air to take part in the annual field day of the pupils of the schools of Hartford County. He brought home a bronze medal, having been the winner in the 60 yard dash for boys of his class. He made the dash in six seconds.

Miss Kathleen Morse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morse of Franklin Street has returned home for the summer from New York, where she has been attending school.

The junior reception to the members of the senior class of Rumford High School will be held on Tuesday evening, June 12, in Municipal Hall. Dancing will be a feature of the evening's entertainment.

The two month old son, Emilio, of Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Fontaine of Pine Street, died on Sunday last, burial being made on Monday in the Catholic cemetery.

The baccalaureate services of Rumford High School were held in Municipal Hall on Sunday afternoon. The high school orchestra played a stately procession as the graduating class members were being ushered to their places in the front section of the hall by the class marshal, Franklin Corbett of the class of 1924. The girls of the class all dressed in gowns and hats of white and carried bouquets.

Pres. Clarence Little of the University of Maine delivered the address which was much enjoyed, and gave them just starting out into life and themselves a great deal to think about and by which to profit. Mrs. Ralph Woodman gave a very pleasing vocal solo, Miss Leona Ellis played a violin solo, and a male quartet consisting of Charles Coffin, Louis Fitch, Bradford Andrews and Jack Alfaro gave one of the best selections. Rev. Allen Brown of the Methodist church made the prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Repairs are being made on the Morse building, which is subject to much heavy traffic. New flooring planks are to be laid and other necessary repair work is to be done.

Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding Blaboe of Portland and Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Kilburn of this town leave this week for a trip abroad.

Mrs. A. J. Reed of Lincoln Avenue is receiving the sympathy of her many friends upon the death of her father, whose death recently occurred in Lowell, Mass., his 81st home.

Mrs. Thomas Hart and two small children are to join Mr. Hart in Lawrence, Mass., as soon as Mr. Hart is able to escape his quarters. Mr. Hart has been working in Lawrence since early spring.

The class day exercises of the senior class of Rumford High School will take place on Wednesday evening, June 13, at Municipal Hall, and on the following evening the graduation exercises will be held at the same place.

The death of James Darrigan occurred last week at the McCarty Hospital

where he had gone for treatment. His age was 29 years. A native of Canada he had resided here for the past twelve years, and had been employed as a paper maker in the International paper mill. He leaves a wife and two children, five and seven years of age.

Donald Lambert, son of Mrs. Frank Lambert of Rumford Avenue, and Science teacher in Rumford High School, is spending this week in Washington, D. C., enjoying the Shrine celebration which is taking place in the Capital City.

The work on the addition to the block corner of Waldo Street and Main Avenue progresses rapidly. The first floor addition will be devoted to a store, and two upper floors to apartments.

A tenement block is being built by Joseph Poulin on Cumberland Avenue, which will accommodate several families, the cost of same being around \$9,000.

Max Greenberg has under construction a garage on Cumberland Avenue which will have accommodations for eight cars.

Mr. and Mrs. James Goodwin are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son.

The building owned by Jesse Beaudette on Waldo Street has been raised considerably allowing for a store on the street level. Three more apartments will also be part of the alterations, the work of same amounting to \$9,000.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church have discontinued their work sessions for the months of June, July and August.

A new tenement house is being erected on the lower end of Cumberland Street.

The 200 poppies assigned to Rumford to be sold for Memorial Day were all sold, this for the benefit of the local Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington Elliot have taken an apartment in the Walker residence on Rumford Avenue.

Miss Florence Carrier, Rumford High School, class of 1923, began her duties last week as clerk in the store of the E. K. Day Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Conant of Backfield have come to Rumford as Mr. Conant has accepted the position as caretaker of the Meadowbrook Club.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Britton of Franklin Street are entertaining Mr. Britton's parents, who have recently arrived here from California for an indefinite stay.

The Misses Pease and Hopkins have returned from St. Petersburg, Florida, where during the winter season they have conducted "The Hanover Inn." They will now open "Sundowner Farm" for the summer season.

Miss Hope Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy E. Williams of Knox Street has returned home from Boston where she has been attending school for the summer season.

The marriage of Joseph Alfred Fecteau and Lucy Lillian Dougherty was solemnized last week at St. Athanasius church, Rev. Fr. Flannigan officiating.

The Charles Levin Company, who were recently burned out, have completed arrangements for the store located in the Trust Company building next to the store of Dr. M. J. Brooks. This store will be used as a temporary location by this company, until their new quarters are ready, which will be in about four months.

Dorothy Jane and Marjory Arlene Dalton, little daughters of Frank Dalton of Providence, R. I., are guests of their grandfather, Mr. Byron A. Evans and Mrs. Evans of Urquhart Street. Their mother was the late Arlene Evans. Mr. Dalton is at present in Chicago, the children having been accompanied here by their mother, Mrs. Cook.

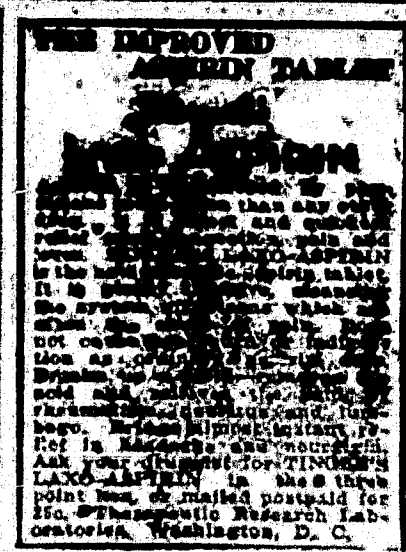
Miss Beatrice Virgin, who has been spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida, expects to remain there during the summer months.

Miss Jeanne Hambleton, a senior at Bates College, and an assistant in the French department of the college, has been substituting in the classes of French taught by Mrs. Brown, head of the French department, during the recent absence. For the past two weeks Miss Hambleton has been substituting for Mr. Brown, who has been ill and will continue to hold the classes for the remainder of the college year. Miss Hambleton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hambleton of Penobscot Street, Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay of Falmouth Street are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a little daughter. The new comer has been named Lillian Therese.

Napoleon Ollivette Post of the American Legion are planning another big July Fourth celebration for this year, and Commander Albert Bellevue and Adjutant Carrier are already formulating plans for the event. It is expected that the Legion Home will be entirely completed by that time, and the annual concert and ball will doubtless be held in this new hall.

The Rumford District Sunday School Convention will be held in the Baptist church, Canton, on Friday morning and afternoon of this week. Among the speakers will be the Rev. F. M. Lamb, Mrs. Harry C. Smith, Rev. Mary L. Bailey, Mrs. B. E. Olfrey, and Rev.



E. H. Browster, general secretary of the Sunday School Association.

A Rumford High School Chapter of the National Honor Society was organized at the school recently, Everett F. Martin being elected president, while Miss Mildred Dorian was chosen vice president.

The building on the corner of Congress and Bridge Streets, owned by McCarthy and Rowe is being altered. The upper stories are being extended, filling the space formerly devoted to porches on the Congress Street side. The basement is being enlarged and it is understood that Emile Gauthier will open a bakery there when the improvements to the property are completed.

Arthur St. Pierre, former meat cutter in the Rumford Public Market, is now cutting meat at Guy Fereol's market on Waldo Street.

It is expected that many Nobles from Rumford will attend the annual field day and ceremonial of Kora Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles Mystic Shrine, which is to be held on Friday, June 15th, the field day at Great Diamond Island, Casco Bay, and the grand ceremonial in Portland at City Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shand, who have been residing in the Nile block on Waldo Street, are now located for the summer season at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nile in Biddeford, the latter having left for an extended stay in North Carolina.

Waldo Pettengill, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pettengill, will remain in St. Petersburg, Florida, with his grandmother, Mrs. Irene H. Stratton, until the completion of his school year the last of this month, when they will come to Rumford to join Mrs. Pettengill and two younger sons, Lawrence and Lewis, who arrived here about two weeks ago.

The Committee of Fifteen, Citizen Advisory Committee of Rumford, have been appointed by the Board of Selectmen as follows: Waldo Pettengill, chairman; B. B. Stratton, Theodore Hawley, Dr. C. M. Blaboe, E. J. Rodenbeck, R. L. Meleher, James MacGregor, Fred J. Latham, F. B. Martin, L. D. Elliott, P. E. McCarthy, J. I. Dorson, Matthew McCarthy, O. J. Gonyea, Dr. E. A. Sheehy.

The Queens Festival as given on Saturday evening last in Municipal Hall by 400 of the local school children was a distinct success, reflecting a great deal of credit upon Miss Arelle Clarke, the physical director in the public schools. It consisted of various dances and drills given in the center of the courtyard of the Queen, for her benefit, whose throne was in the center of the courtyard. It presented an exhibition of work in physical education as carried out in the schools of Rumford.

Beautiful exercises and memorable addresses marked the observance of Memorial Day in Rumford. The parade by school children in the morning, the decorating of the graves of the veterans, services at Rumford Center in the afternoon in charge of the Osgood Bates Relief Corps, and again in the evening at Rumford in charge of the Napoleon Bonaparte Post of the American Legion, were all touching features of the day.

Miss Ella McCall, a clerk in the store of the E. K. Day Company, left last week for her home in Eastern Canada, where she will enjoy a month's vacation.

Mr. Gerald Phinney and party of Lewiston called on Mrs. Estelle Goodridge, Sunday.

Mr. Francis Mills of Berwick was in town over the week end.

Mrs. Lydia Merrill has returned to her home in town after spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellen Whitman of Massachusetts were in town recently. Mrs. Whitman remained to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Lydia Merrill.

Mrs. Clarence Tyler and two children of Oakes were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lorton over the week end.

Individual Reformation. To reform a world, to reform a nation, no wise man will undertake; and all but foolish men know that the only solid, though a far slower reformation, is what each man begins and perfects on himself.—Carver.

SKILLINGTON

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards of Wabpeton, North Dakota, are guests of his sister, Mrs. Frank Heath, and family. Mr. Charles Crosby is ill at his home. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Skillings are in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Maud Sanborn and Mrs. C. C. Eames were in Rumford, Saturday.

Mr. Jesse Chapman visited in Auburn, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin called on Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Howard, Sunday. The mill has resumed work after being closed down a week.

Mrs. Elwin Parlin and two children are visiting his sister, Mrs. John Anderson.

Mrs. Angie Parlin has returned home with her daughter after spending several weeks in Boston with her son and family.

Mr. Grover and son called on Fan Sanborn, Sunday.

Mrs. Rex Robinson came home from Portland, Sunday.

Julius Robinson was in Portland, Saturday, returning home Sunday.

Mr. George Leighton and Miss Marjorie Cole spent the week end in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Richardson, Edward Richardson and daughter, Margery, of Orr's Island were week end guests at John E. Richardson's.

Miss Frances Wilson of Shelburne, N. H., was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Roy Arsenburg.

Mrs. H. A. Quint has concluded his work with Leighton & Cole and with his wife has moved to Boston, Mass., where he has a position.

Milan Bennett and daughter, Marion, Mrs. Charles Booker and Mrs. Annie Sawyer of Norway Lake were guests at J. E. Richardson's last Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Melala of Gorham, N. H., was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Wesley Wilson, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore and Harold Moore of Norway were in town recently.

The village school was reopened last Monday, May 23, with Mrs. Carrie Jones of Lewiston as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harwood, Walter Harwood and Fred and Frank Nay of Mechanic Falls have been spending a few days in town.

Charles Knights of Portland was a recent visitor in this vicinity.

Mrs. Josephine Wheeler has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. B. E. Harriman, Alpine Street, Gorham, N. H.

Many people in town are very grateful to I. B. Leighton and Edward Holden for letting them "listen in" on their radio at the former's garage.

Carl Richardson was a visitor in Bethel last Saturday.

Mrs. Minnie Lory of Yarmouth was in town last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Flanders and family of Skillington were in town, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase spent Monday at P. H. Stokes's.

Mrs. Helen Under and daughter, Elsie, Roland Cummings, Mrs. Vashaw and family, Sidney Jolley, Roy Cummings, T. H. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Day, Leonard Armstrong, Calvin Cummings, Elmer and Arthur Cross, Mabel Bartlett, Dr. Twaddle, Norman Bailey were among the set of town callers.

Kenneth Kennebec of South Paris is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kennebec.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrington motored to Portland last week and returned Saturday, accompanied by Martin Lyden and nephew, who returned home Sunday.

Ide Canner is taking music lessons of Mrs. Hesketh.

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GROVER HILL

True J. Browne is at home for a few days to attend to his planting.

Will McKenna worked for T. J. Browne one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tyler motored to Belter's Mills, Sunday, where they visited friends for the day.

The carpenters, Herbert and Merle Seeks, are progressing nicely on H. A. Lyons's bungalow.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hetchison and sons motored to Minot, Sunday.

Almon Tyler has bought a driving horse of Frank Dilligale.

Mrs. Edith W. Grover has sold her cattle to O. D. Merrill of West Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyons, Mr. J. F. Lyons and daughter, Catherine, from Bethel were Sunday guests at the Lyons farm.

Ernest Mondt entertained two school mates at his home Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Blake and little son returned to their home in Medford, Mass., Tuesday.

Miss Mable Stanley motored to Bridgton, Saturday, bringing her sister home with her for a week's stay.

Mr. Ernest Merritt has completed his work at Carver's for a time and is working on the State road in Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Coeledge and daughter, Mamie, were at Mr. Lyons's Sunday. In the afternoon they all motored to Northwest Bethel and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Coeledge.

Mrs. J. P. Coeledge spent Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Wilbert Baker, and family at Bethel village.

The Custard Cup

Florence Bingham Livingston

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Living in a barn converted into a dwelling Mrs. Penfield is manager of an apartment building known as the "Custard Cup," originally "Cloister Court." Her income is derived from laundry work, her chief patron being a Mrs. Horatio Weatherstone, whom she has never seen. Living with her are "Crink" and "Thad," homeless small boys whom she has adopted. They call her "Penzie." Thad tells Penzie a strange man was inquiring for her under her maiden name.

CHAPTER II.—A tenant, Mrs. Guselle Bosley, induces Penzie to take charge of a package, which she does with some misgivings.

CHAPTER III.—Searching a refuse dump for things which might be of use to Crink, Penzie encounters a small girl, Lettie, who proves a foeman worthy of her steel. He takes her to Penzie, and Lettie is adopted into the family.

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CHAPTER V.—Uncle Jerry arranges to occupy the loft above Mrs. Penfield's abode.

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CHAPTER VII.—Friendship developing between Uncle Jerry and Frank Bosley, husband of Guselle, worries Penzie.

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"What Are You Doing Here?" She Demanded.

crying. Lettie's fingers worked, but she held herself still. Perhaps the woman would go to sleep after a while. Nobody could stay awake always. The gas shot up at one side, sank again with a dismal gurgle.

Presently there was a sound outside—faint, momentary, like a step. Lettie's heart gave a bound of relief. But evidently it was not the sound that the woman had been waiting for. She sat straighter in her chair, in an attitude of alarmed listening. The sound came again. The woman sprang up, turned off the gas, and went out quickly toward the front of the house.

Instantly Lettie dashed the other way, through a door which she had previously decided must lead to the kitchen. Crouching her way around the wall, she opened a door into another room, and then one which opened into space—the stairway.

She plunged recklessly down the dark stairs, her nerves keyed high by the fear of pursuit. The moaning was louder now. Thad was near; she knew it. Stumbling over rubbish, half falling before she could regain her footing, she made for the direction from which the moaning seemed to come, and encountered a rough wall. But there was a door. There was a key. It turned. As Lettie dashed into the room, she heard steps on the stairs. There was noise everywhere—steps overhead. Things were happening. Folks were after her. She must hurry.

"Oh, I wonder go home," whimpered a small voice. "I want Penzie!"

"Yes, darling, you shall have her," panted Lettie, bending over and untangling Thad from a ragged quilt. She could see nothing, but her senses were sharpened by emergency. She could make out the window as a gray patch in the blackness, but there was not light enough from the street to shine in. She dragged Thad toward the window, unlocked and lifted it, pushed him through. As she followed, somebody stumbled into the room, swooped down upon her.

"Leggo!" screamed Lettie, in a panic, kicking and struggling. "Leggo!"

"Shut up, or I'll kill you," retorted a hoarse voice, scarcely more than a whisper. It was the woman. She had followed. She was trying to prevent.

The next instant they were outside—Thad, Lettie, the woman.

"Stop, there!" shouted a voice. It was a man's voice, from the yard. "Stop, or I'll shoot. Stop! I'll shoot!"

It was the climax of terror for Lettie. The command to stop was the signal to run. She snatched Thad in her arms with a strength that had never before been hers, and struck through the broken fence into the vacant lot. The woman ran, too—in a flight of her own, although Lettie did not suspect it.

A shot rang out. Another! A third! Lettie bounded through the air, spurred on by the very things which should have stopped her. A hot tingling ran across her arm. Many voices behind her! Thad slipped out of her grasp. She pulled him by one hand. She must reach the ravine in the back of the lot. They could hide under the live-oak trees.

At last they got there. Lettie landed. No one was following—not even the woman. The first danger was over. There were houses near. She drew Thad close to her behind a tree. She must rest a minute. Her arm felt hot; it hurt. The sleeve was wet.

They started on again, but it was a hard journey home. Lettie wavered along the sidewalk; that wonderful strength had left her. She tried to carry Thad, but she could scarcely lift him, to say nothing of carrying him in her arms. He dragged along beside her, tired from his storm of sobbing, but growing nervously excited over his experience now that he had the assurance of safety.

Lettie brought him at last to The Custard Cup. The big door was closed, so she went around the house and opened the kitchen door, pushing Thad in ahead of her.

"I got him, Penzie," she mumbled. "I got him for you. I—" Her eye caught a shadow.

The woman sat down across from Lettie. Her glared angrily at each other. The shadow was drawn down below the kitchen table, so that not a ray of light could penetrate outside. No one could dream that a little girl was a prisoner in this house, dark, deserted, for all that a passerby could tell. The room was close and fearfully silent. The gas sprang up now and then with an angry sizzling. Lettie's frightened glance traveled around the bare room, seeking for some means of outfitting the woman before her. Nothing occurred to her.

Suddenly she heard a sound that was like a faint moan. It seemed to come from a distance. She heard it again. It might be in the basement. Again! She was sure it was below her somewhere.

"Oh!" Lettie started to her feet. "I hear him. It's Thad. Let me—" The woman pushed her back into her seat. "You fool! Talk nothing but cat."

Lettie struggled to free herself. "It is, too. I know it's Thad. Leggo! Leggo! Darn it all, leggo!"

"Shut up. I got ways to keep you still," she selected the child's arms and twisted them back with a swift wrench. Lettie gasped; she turned faint with the pain, but when the first agony had passed, she was filled with renewed defiance. It flashed into her mind that the woman was waiting for something. Lettie wished it would come. Whatever it was, surely she could—

The moon struck her eyes again, a long wall of human suffering, the devotion of a child that is spent with

into her arms, she was horrified to find that the child's sleeve was soaked with blood. Lettie had not fainted; she had fallen from dizziness. She was still dizzy. Mrs. Penfield carried her into the bedroom.

It was only a surface wound, the bullet having grazed the flesh for some distance, but the subsequent violent exercise had made it bleed freely. Mrs. Penfield washed and dressed it, refusing meantime to listen to the wild, excited stories which both Lettie and Thad were determined to tell. They were home and safe; nothing else mattered.

It was a long time before she soothed them; and after they had gone to sleep, Mrs. Penfield kept vigil.

The crooked old clock had traveled to half-past nine, and she had heard nothing from the police station. Then Jerry Winston tramped into the kitchen and threw his hat on a box.

"They got the money, Carline. I wish I could have brought it to you, but it'll take an order from the court to release it."

"The money! The money that I—" He nodded. "Two hundred and twenty-eight dollars—bills and one check inside 'em. They found 'em on the rascal, envelope and all. He hadn't had time to—"

"The rascal! Who?"

"Bosley!" Mrs. Penfield leaned back against the wall, limp with consternation. "You don't mean—that Frank Bosley stole—"

Jerry Winston shook his head. "I don't mean he started out to do it—no. He's been playing for bigger stakes than that. But we got him at last—confound his picture, we got him!" He brought his fist down on the table with a blow that teetered it on its frail legs.

Mrs. Penfield sank to the wash-bench. "The world's a-swimming, Uncle Jerry. Would you mind planning me to something somewhere?"

He laughed. "Why, no. If you'll keep mum about it—cross your heart and hope to die, or however Lettie puts it—I'll tell you the whole story. You'll see my part in it can't be published."

"It shall be as Lettie says," she smiled back. "Are you going to ask me to believe that Frank Bosley took this money and—"

"Exactly. He came for the package that his wife left, and you weren't here. He had to have it quick, 'cause he'd got scared and was planning a get-away, so he came in for it; and I don't have to remind you, Carline, that it's easy to find things in this house. He found the package, and there was the money beside it. Why not take it, as long as he was going out of town anyway?"

"What are you talking about, Uncle Jerry? Why was he getting away and—"

"Shaw, now, Carline, the idea of your being confused 'cause I began at the wrong end of my story. I'll take the other end if you'd like it better. You see, I been trying out a little sleuthing."

"Oh!" Mrs. Penfield drew a deep breath. On the instant her memory caught up a few perplexing occurrences in the past months.

"Yes, I've always had a leaning toward it—read a good deal and followed what other fellows had done, and all that; and when I got my knockout for the woods, I naturally wanted to go into something that appealed to me. I had a lot of personal recommendations and a letter to a man connected with the lumber company. Through him and considerable rest I finally got woven in as a special with the secret service, when they were taking on a number of extra men to work on the Bosley ring. My particular assignment had been to shadow Bosley. Believe me, I've sweat blood over that fellow, darn him!"

Mrs. Penfield's eyes were fixed on his face. "That's why you came here—took the lot and—"

"Sure. I wanted to be 'round as casually as possible. I've worked every scheme I could conceit to worm myself into that fellow's life. But he was a slick one in his own line. He's been stringing me on a real-estate deal, and I've allowed myself to be string. Of course he didn't suspect my object, but I sort of made his nervous, tugging 'round and getting in with his cronies."

"Uncle Jerry, you're worse than a woman—can't get nothing at the main point. You may be a star detective, but you'd never make a reporter. Now will you kindly stay still in your tracks till you've told me what you wanted him for?"

"Oh, that!" Jerry Winston chuckled. "Yes, maybe I did overlook that, it's been in my mind so long. Why, he's been a leader in a ring that's been supplying drugs to a lot of friends in exchange for their passing off counterfeit money. Choice circle, and a big one, too! All nations represented—Chinese and whites! Lettie put me wise to their money-factory. I was sure they had one, but—"

"Lettie!" Mrs. Penfield came to her feet. "What do you mean?"

"Her smoke, Carline, don't get so excited! Lettie didn't know what she was doing, and I hadn't never mentioned it to her. Catch me quizzing a kid! No, all I overheard her twisting Bosley, 'bout slinking into a house next to one of the vacant lots. I hugged the lean-to and listened; but, believe me, I did more prying than Lettie has! I found the vacant lot and the house. Holding it was part of her scheme's work."

"You see, yesterday I got held of one of his dogs, friends that was willing to swear on him, so last night we put it through as smooth as silk. The fellow brought the stuff with money we could have identified in him. One

of our own men was within witnessing distance, too. Some of the very powder you were guarding yesterday, Carline, is one of our choicest exhibits today. We sure got Bosley; darn it all, we got him!"

"I s'pose," said Mrs. Penfield slowly, "that Mrs. Bosley's been honoring me with her packages of counterfeit money and dope, but seems as if it wasn't very clever—"

"Clever!" Jerry Winston took the word out of her mouth. "She was the life of the ring in the beginning, but lately she'd lost her nerve, and Bosley's had the devil's own time to keep her from breaking away. She didn't care if Bosley got caught, so long as she'd cleared her skirts. If the house was going to be searched, the goods weren't going to be there. See? Ain't any of these folks so clever that they don't do something foolish 'fore they're through?"

"Poor thing!" commiserated Mrs. Penfield. "I wonder what'll become of her?"

"Well, I can tell you. She'll get a chance to think it over. We got her last night, too. She was stinging an exit of her own, but we trailed her to Sixteenth street station, just in time to see her getting on the local for the mole. That gave her two chances: To go on to San Francisco or come back on a through train. We telegraphed the police on the other side to watch the ferry; then we waited for the Shasta limited—and there she was! Gee, I was glad. The more of the trick I could help to turn, the surer I'd be of building up a reputation. Well, sir, the little lady went right up through the roof of the sleeper first off; then she came down and melted into tears. Some confession we got out of her! That's how I got hold of a lot of things I been telling you. Seems 'twas you tipped her off that she'd better get out of town."

"I! Why, I didn't see her last evening—"

He laughed. "No, but you telephoned the police from Mrs. Catterbox's and she told Mrs. Bosley as a piece of neighborly gossip. I came around to hunt up Mrs. Guselle and was just in time to catch a glimpse of her taking a taxi. I'd ha' caught her at the station if the darned engine of the car I'd rented hadn't stalled on me a block away. Golly, I was mad!"

"I'm sorry for 'em both," declared Mrs. Penfield thoughtfully. "Folks that mix up their lives that way ain't really grown up. But, oh, Uncle Jerry, I can't be thankful 'nough that I'm going to get that money back. You can't imagine what a weight it lifts. It was

"The color came up in his bronzed face. 'Well, I—I don't know, Carline,' he stammered. 'It's bulky of you to think of it, but—I hope I can't—that is—well, I'll talk it over.' He tramped rapidly out of the alley."

"Well, I sure wonder what he means," thought Mrs. Penfield in surprise. She watched Uncle Jerry went up Miss Haggood's steps.

"Oh-h-h!" she breathed. She ceased to wonder.

CHAPTER XXI

A Chance for Another.

"Mrs. Penfield!"

"Yes, come right in, Mrs. Wopple. I only got to finish washing out this—"

"Oh, I can't stop, Mrs. Penfield. I just heard this here story 'bout your movin'."

"Yes," said Mrs. Penfield happily. "I'm going to move tomorrow into Mrs. Sanders' flat. Ain't it fine?"

Mrs. Wopple shook her head in bewilderment. "I don't know. Seems like you're playin' a trick on us somehow—you're so kinder poor and low-down and ev'rything. Josiah says he don't think it's fair for folks that've been poor to suddenly come into money. 'stead of lookin' down on 'em, he's got to all of a sudden look up at 'em."

"Oh," laughed Mrs. Penfield, "tell him not to twist his neck on 'count of me. I ain't coming up very far."

"It's quite a change," sniffed Mrs. Wopple. "Why, you're goin' to be as good as any of us, ain't you?"

Mrs. Penfield's brown eyes danced. "I wouldn't go so far's to claim that. But I'm glad to have more room for the children, and things more home-like. It's wonderful to have an income. Didn't seem as if there was any way for it to happen."

"Folks say it's from a laundry," suggested Mrs. Wopple.

"Yes—a formula I'd worked out for washing colored clothes and silk and—"

"I put starch in the water," insisted Mrs. Wopple eagerly.

Mrs. Penfield smiled. "Tien't starch. It's a mixture I never heard of anybody's using."

"It's strange how smart you was, and didn't any of us expect it," remarked Mrs. Wopple tartly. "Me, I think of lots of things, but of course I never tried to sell 'em. Josiah can't big money the way he does, I don't have to."

"No, surely not," agreed Mrs. Penfield, smiling.

Mrs. Wopple turned to go. "Well, I'll run in just as soon's you get your apple boxes moved. I'll wait to see how you're gettin' on. And say, Mrs. Penfield, even if your stock goes up, you won't never forget what close neighbors we been, will you?"

"No, Mrs. Wopple, never," promised Mrs. Penfield warmly.

Amusedly she admitted to herself that Mrs. Wopple had not been far wrong about the apple boxes, which had served the family for multifarious purposes during the months that were past. It was different now—or would be tomorrow. Mrs. Penfield had decided to purchase a few pieces of furniture, to be paid for in installments and to form the nucleus of a real home, real in appearance as well as in spirit.

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